

What happened @ Academic Board

6 December 2023

Key decisions/actions by the Academic Board

Course Standards Committee

- Honours Program
 - The Board approved a proposed change to the Honours thesis assessment structure, in which there would be a series of hurdle requirements, and one thesis assessment, weighted at 100%
- MPP Program
 - The Board approved a change to the assessment in the MPP research methods unit from a 6000 word needs analysis, to a critically appraised topic (CAT)
- Master and Doctor (Clinical)

The Board approved a proposed change in the Master and Doctoral (Clinical) program to the structure of placements, so that there is only one placement unit, which extends across Semester 1 & 2
- Honorary appointments
 - The Board approved three new Honorary appointments
 - Adjunct Professor Simon Crowe
 - Adjunct Professor Coral Brown
 - Adjunct Fellow Sue Burney

Policy Updates

- Academic Progress and Review Policy and Procedures
 - The Board approved a change to clarify the process of students on placement who fail to meet various administrative requirements (e.g., Logbooks)
- Critical Incident/Accidents/Injury Policy and Procedures
 - This policy and procedures are part of occupational health and safety and is now more encompassing and inclusive of other types of incidences and hazards. This policy change was unanimously approved

Hot Topics

- Lived experience
 - The Board agreed that the incorporation of people with lived experience into the governance of the Institute was important
 - It was agreed that the Course Advisory Committees ToR include “A person with lived experience” as ToR member
 - It was agreed that having a person with lived experience on Academic Board would be beneficial
 - This discussion will next go to Council. Once approved by Council, an expression of interest will be sent out to find an appropriate person for the seat of Academic Board,

in addition to representatives for the Course Advisory Committees

Imposed conditions

- Declaration of notifications or conditions imposed upon a student's registration as a psychologist, or provisional psychologist
- AHPRA requires a psychologist with conditions to report any change in their place of practice to them. The Board approved a change to our Post Registration course handbook to ensure that students report any conditions to CMI

Report from the Dean

- Accreditation
 - The CRICOS submission was submitted in October 2023 and the Institute is waiting to hear from TEQSA in relation to this application
 - The Institute has heard back from APAC in relation to the conditions. All conditions have now been met. The academics were thanked for all their hard work, in particular Dr Chris Kilby's team
 - The PACFA meeting was on 16 November 2023. The panel were very impressed and said that both the Counselling and Psychotherapy program as well as the Specialisation programs will be accredited. The specialisation will commence in S2 of 2024
 - TEQSA have now added PhD to CRICOS. The Institute can now take international students into the PhD program

Staffing updates

- Two new staff members, Katrina Ryan (Learning Equity Officer) and Meaghan Maguire (Post Registration Placement Coordinator) have started at the Institute
- Dr Alexa Kambouropoulos, Laura Clark, Dr Storm Cory, Dr Sue Burney and Dr Sue Lauder have resigned

Report from Student Services

- Applications have closed, however, specific courses remain open to increase our numbers into specified programs, such as the Bachelor, Diploma, and Counselling and Psychotherapy
- Applications are tracking well against previous years
- At present, there are 97 acceptances across all the courses
- The Undergraduate program timeline follows the VTAC guidelines and is open until February
- The Student Services team are preparing for re-enrolments for 2024
- A Student Services manager in addition to a student services support person will be recruited shortly into the team

Other business

- The Graduation Ceremony will be on Thursday 9 May 2024

Upcoming meetings in 2024

- Wednesday 14 February
- Wednesday 3 April
- Wednesday 5 June
- Wednesday 7 August
- Wednesday 2 October
- Wednesday 27 November